



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
222 Paul Scannell Drive • San Mateo, CA 94402

Minutes of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission

August 31, 2021 | 5:15-7:15 pm
Remote Meeting

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Co-Chair Debora Telleria, Vice Chair-Administration Rebecca Flores, Vice Chair-Membership Melissa Wilson, Monroe Labouisse, Sathvik Nori, Susan Swope, Paul Bocanegra, Johanna Rasmussen, Victor Lecha III, Karin Huber-Levy, Roscana Enriquez, Austin Willis

Commissioners Absent: Toni Barrack, Douglas Winter

Additional Attendees:

Judge Susan Jakubowski – Juvenile Court
Ron Rayes – Private Defender Program
Jehan Clark – Probation
Ameya Nori – Youth Commission Liaison
Kate Hiester – Fresh Lifelines for Youth
Sharon Cho – DA’s Office
Chelsea Bonini – Commission on Disabilities
Melanie Stauffer – Probation
John Fong – HSA, Children and Family Services

Aurora Pena – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Armaan Arora - Potential Commissioner
Michael Lim – Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission
Judith Gable – Acknowledge Alliance
Chris Rasmussen – Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission
Chris Woo - CBO - Project Change

I. Administrative Business

- a. **Call to Order:** Co-Chair Telleria called meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- b. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum:** A quorum was established at 5:15 p.m.
- c. **Welcome and Introductions**
- d. **Agenda Review:** Approved as distributed
- e. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved July 27, 2021 minutes as distributed with corrections to project name “Increase School Attendance” and to fix typos.
- f. **Resignation:** Commissioner Winters is resigning effective immediately
- g. **Nominations:** Arman Arora was nominated as a new commissioner. Commissioner Swope made a motion to move Arora forward; seconded by Commissioner Labouisse. Motion passed unanimously.



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II. Oral Communication: *None*

III. Updates:

a) Juvenile Court (Judge Jakuboski)

- Meetings regarding Secure Track continue.
- It has been a quiet summer in the court room.
- Judge Cadet, a newly appointed judge in training, was introduced.

b) Private Defender Program (Reyes)

- In the midst of training for SB823 and SB822.
- AB624 just went to the Governor's desk for approval.

c) County Office of Education (Littrell)

- No report

d) Probation (Stauffer, Clark)

- Continue to meet to determine what services will be offered with Secure Track. Each youth will be assessed and have an individual set of services while in the facility. The MDT will determine the type of services and frequency of services.
- There are zero youth in placement, ten youth receiving AB12 services, five youth in DJJ, three youth on informal contracts, 158 youth on formal probation, 68 youth assessed in the investigations unit. Ethnic breakdown: 60% Hispanic/Latino; 12% Caucasian, 3% Asian, 11% Black, 5% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. Thirteen youth are detained in YSC and two at Camp Kemp. There are nine probation officers in the Juvenile division.
- One asymptomatic youth tested positive for COVID. Probation is taking direction from Correctional Health which requires anyone who comes to the facility in person have proof of vaccination or show proof of a negative COVID test, including staff.
- School is back in session and in person. Project Change is back. All other programs are virtual.
- As of last week a majority of youth have gotten vaccinated and medical staff have been working hard to encourage all to get vaccinated.

e) District Attorney Office (Cho)

- They are participating in the various working groups and meetings to discuss development of Secure Track and Peer Court.



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f) Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (Pena)

- Continue to provide TeleHealth services. Given the positive test at YSC, they are not allowed to go in the unit till Sept 24th. They are providing services virtually.
- Working with Correctional Health staff to identify what the courtside service will look like. Hoping to identify what the workflow will be like in the next month so they are ready for referrals.

IV. HSA, Children and Family Services (Fong)

- a) Continue to hire social workers, should have 20 more social workers by 2022.
- b) Continue to serve at full capacity in the field, in person and in the community. There are 174 youth in out of home placement across all placement types. The STRTP level of care has seven youth in care. Breakdown: Latino 14.3% (1); Pacific Islander 14.3% (1); White 28.6% (2); Black 42.8% (3). There are 24 STRTP level beds in San Mateo County.
- c) Preparing for the Family First Prevention Services Act, specifically related to congregate care settings nationwide (STRTP level of care). The Federal government has additional requirements under the Qualified Residential Programs with a target date for implementation of October 1st. There is no State guidance yet but preparing as if they will be implementing and rolling out new mandates as of October 1st. Part 1 is the prevention services side of the legislation.
- d) Future report outs will include the following: 1) Out of county placement rate; 2) Out of county placement rate (beyond contiguous Bay Area counties); 3) Relative home placement rate; 4) # youth in placement disaggregated by race/ethnicity; 5) # youth in STRTP level of care placement disaggregated by race/ethnicity.

V. Inspections Update (Flores)

- Camp Kemp inspection report is under review by Probation.
- YSC inspection will be scheduled in September.
- Schools inspections scheduled for September.
- Canyon Oaks inspection has been completed, draft report is almost complete.

VI. FLY – DJJ Focus Groups (Heister)

- a) FLY was invited to DJJ to conduct focus groups about the DJJ realignment process. They focused on youth from Alameda, San Mateo and Santa Clara County. FLY was invited to go back on a monthly basis.
- b) Core Learnings: the value of the youth voice; youth experiences reflect flawed approaches that SB823 aims to change; institutional staff have a large impact on detained youth; and youth want to build assets they need for success.



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- c) Initial Recommendations: 1) Representation: subcommittees should engage youth voice more in the decision making process; 2) Asset-Based: prioritize connections to family and community and constructive use of time while detained; 3) Relevance: relevant, culturally responsive, and trauma informed policies; 4) Restorative: behavior management should be strength-based and not involve removing access to programs and supports; 5) Accountability: Probation staff re-training and accountability for restorative and strengths-based are of great importance.

VII. Vote on JJDPC Social Media Policy (Telleria)

- a) Our JJDPC Twitter, Instagram and YouTube pages went live on June 9, 2021. All comply with San Mateo County communications policy and handbook. A Social Media Policy and Terms of Use Document has been created and its now pending approval by the Commission.
- b) A motion was made by commissioner Lecha to table this conversation for the next meeting so we can create a subcommittee to review; Motion seconded by Commissioner Rasmusson. Vote passed unanimously.

VIII. Project Spotlight: Peer Court (Lecha, Willis, Wilson)

- a) The JJDPC Peer Court project is considering partnering with Youth Transforming Justice (YTJ). YTJ is a Marin County program that offers a restorative diversion approach with a peer court component. The goal is to provide youth offenders with an alternative space to take accountability and an opportunity to continue their education and lives. Communities most in need are those without diversion programs. There are 78 peer courts in California but there are none in San Mateo County. The program is effective. Marin and Santa Clara County have a less than 10% recidivism rate and a 95% completion rate.
- b) Program components include the following: Whole family needs assessment, intensive case- management, family conferencing and skill building, continuous partner communication, mentors, and all peer-led activities. The peer court includes a restorative justice plan, youth leadership teams, management and training, and social justice work.
- c) Peer Court Process: 1) Peer court members introduce themselves and advocates give an opening statement. 2) The jury of youth take turns asking the respondent/offender questions. 3) The advocate gives a closing statement, the jury decides on the most effective restorative plan, and everyone reconvenes to announce the plan.
- d) Restorative plans may include the following: Peer court hearing and service, letter of apology, victim/offender mediation, community engagement hours, drug and alcohol harm reduction training, credit recovery, tutoring, counseling, and referrals such as FLY etc.



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- e) The plan moving forward is to have contracts with schools and law enforcement. The cost per youth to participate in a peer court is about \$2,833. Funding sources include BOS requests, foundation grants, private donations and \$100 fee to participate in the program.

IX. 2021 Project Plan Updates

- a) Will report out in the next meeting

X. Commission Report Outs

- a) Alameda Tour (Labouisse)
- Six commissioners visited the county juvenile hall in the East Bay.
 - High-level impressions: They have an attractive incentives program such as tablets and entertainment for youth. There was a lot of artwork on the walls of the facility that were cultural and inspirational. The rooms that the youth sleep in are similar to the YSC. They have chalkboards in the rooms so they can express themselves without tagging the walls. The furniture in the visiting room was very comfortable and cozy.

XI. Announcements: *None*

Meeting adjourned 7:16 p.m.